

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

Introduced by Representatives:
Mara Candelaria Reardon, Edmond L. Soliday
Sponsored by Senators:
Karen R. Tallian, Frank Mrvan Sr.

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A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the 2012 inductees into The Times Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame.

- WHEREAS, Every year, The Northwest Indiana Times honors a select group of local business and community leaders, recognizing those who have been not only successful in business, but have also committed themselves to using their positions for the good of their neighbors and their communities;
- WHEREAS, This year, The Times has inducted five new members into its Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame, Milford Christianson of Christianson Chevrolet, Wil Davis of the Gary Jet Center, Thomas Gryzbek of Saint Margaret Mercy Healthcare Centers, Steve Pangere of The Pangere Corporation and Culver Roofing Incorporated, and Linda Woloshansky of The Center for Workforce Innovations;
- WHEREAS, Milford Christianson, a life-long resident of Griffith, Indiana, has owned and operated Christianson Chevrolet of Highland with his family since 1951, where Mr. Christianson, aged 89 and a veteran of the Second World War, continues to work 70-hour weeks, and as a result, together with his dedication to "treating his customers right," has kept his family's dealership open and prosperous in spite of difficult economic times;
- WHEREAS, Mr. Christianson's contributions in time and money to schools, universities, churches, civic organizations and charities in Northwest Indiana and across the state, fueled by Mr. Christianson's personal frugality and his practice of donating \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year to charitable organizations, have been vast and invaluable, including a life-long dedication to Indiana University athletics, continuing personal and financial support of Griffith Public Schools, and 25 years of service as a volunteer firefighter;
- WHEREAS, Wil Davis has owned and operated the Gary Jet Center in Gary, Indiana, for twenty years, a project to which Mr. Davis, as a former helicopter gunship pilot in the United States Navy and a veteran of the Vietnam War, was uniquely well-suited, and which prospers today as a result of his foresight and leadership, managing a fleet of ten charter jet aircraft and handling all fueling and cargo handling operations at the Gary International Airport, and bringing employment and commerce to Gary and the surrounding region;
- WHEREAS, The success of Mr. Davis's business ventures has provided him the opportunity to serve his community through a long-standing commitment to the John Will Anderson Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Indiana, on whose board he has served as a member and as treasurer and chairman, contributing personal and financial support to the organization in order to help local schoolchildren engage in safe, productive and educational activities outside the classroom;
- WHEREAS, Thomas Gryzbek has served as the president of Franciscan Saint Margaret Health since 2004, the capstone in a long career with the Franciscan Alliance that Mr. Gryzbek undertook as a young man just out of college, feeling initially unprepared for a career in health care, but quickly proving himself to be a talented and hard-working leader as he advanced from his first entry-level position to the positions of executive vice president and chief operating officer before accepting his current post, along the way finding time to earn advanced degrees in law and business with the financial support of the Franciscan Sisters;
- WHEREAS, In addition to the countless patients whose lives Mr. Gryzbek's service as a hospital lawyer and administrator has improved, Mr. Gryzbek on his own initiative founded the Volunteer Advocates for Seniors program, a service, modeled on the Court Appointed Special Advocates program for children, which provides vulnerable elderly patients without other resources with legal counsel and protection, as well as continuing in his dedication to the Catholic Church as a deacon at the St. Andrew Parish in Merrillville, Indiana;
- WHEREAS, Steve Pangere has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Pangere Corp. in Gary, Indiana, since 1994, the third generation of Pangere family ownership since Mr. Pangere's grandfather John Pangere, a Greek immigrant to Indiana in 1905, founded the company as an industrial painting concern, having now grown under the leadership of Mr. Pangere's father, Nicholas Pangere, and Mr. Pangere himself to a full-service contractor providing both industrial and commercial service;
- WHEREAS, Beyond Mr. Pangere's iron-clad commitment to his workers, many of whom have known the family for years or decades, and to keeping his family's business in Gary, Mr. Pangere's services to his community includes substantial donations of his own time and money to the cause of assisting the blind and visually-impaired, whose plight Mr. Pangere feels especially acutely as a sufferer of progressive vision loss himself, including his support of The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who are Blind or Visually Impaired, and of the new Pangere Center for Inherited Retinal Diseases;
- WHEREAS, Linda Woloshansky is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Center of Workforce Innovations in Valparaiso, Indiana, whose goal it is to help create an educated and skilled workforce in Northwest Indiana and across the state, a project to which she has committed herself as the daughter of working-class parents well-familiar with the countless benefits skilled, good-paying jobs bring to families, neighborhoods and communities, a goal which Ms. Woloshansky has pursued throughout her professional career as a leader and administrator in private companies, school systems, Indiana state government and non-profit organizations; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Woloshansky's private contributions to the health and prosperity of her community represent a clear continuation of her professional work, and come through Ms. Woloshansky's active engagement with, among many others, the Porter County Community Foundation for more than a decade:

THEREFORE, *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Milford Christianson, Wil Davis, Thomas Gryzbek, Steve Pangere and Linda Woloshansky on their induction into the Northwest Indiana Times's Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame for 2012, thanks them for their life-long commitments to the success and prosperity of Northwest Indiana, and honors their work on behalf of their neighbors and their communities.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of resolutions to each of the 2012 inductees into the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame.